Kamataka have allotted the land on lease measuring 200 feet x 200 feet on rent basis for the propose.

New airports in private sector

1632. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cleared any proposal for setting up of any new airport projects in private sector in the country;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof;

(c) the details of proposals received by Government from private sector so far; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be cleared and completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports with private sector participation are being established at Shamshabad near Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) and Devanahalli near Bangalore (Kamataka). The two airport projects, promoted by the respective State Governments on a joint venture basis with Private Sector Participation, have reached the stage wherein Preferred Bidder in the case of Shamshabad, and the Private Promoter in the case of Devanahalli, have already been selected. The construction of a new airport in MOPA in Goa is also proposed to be undertaken by the State Government with private sector participation.

(c) No proposals have been received from private sector for development of airports so far.

(d) Does not arise.

Signing of bilaterals by AI

1633. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has signed a record number of bilaterals with the airlines operating in the Gulf Countries in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Air India has sought security clearance for the same?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Traffic rights are sovereign rights and are exchanged between Governments through bilateral negotiations. Only commercial co-operative arrangements such as pool, code share/block space and joint venture arrangements, are signed at airline level, which are always subject to the approval of the aeronautical authorities. Government level air services consultations have been held with three Gulf countries, namely, Oman, Kuwait and Dubai since January 2001. Seat entitlements for operation of air services between India and the three Gulf countries mentioned above have been increased by a total of 3700 seats per week. The designated airlines of Oman, Kuwait and Dubai have also been granted access to Cochin and in addition designated airline of Dubai has also been granted Hyderabad.

All the Airlines are required to get theii security programme approved by the respective authorities of the country to which they are operating to before commencement of actual operation.

Discount scheme of IA and Alliance Air

1634. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines and Alliance Air have offered heavy discounts and schemes inspite of the fact that the Airlines is running into heavy losses;

(b) if so, in what manner airlines plans to manage losses created by offering unwanted discounts; and

(c) the details of discounts and schemes offered by Indian Airlines during the last one year and how much is the loss to Indian Airlines on this during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines is operating in a highly competitive market scenario and private airlines are offering